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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

3. (Amended) Optical compensator claim 1, characterized in that the twist angle ϕ in said twisted A plate retarder is at least 360° .

4. (Amended) Optical compensator according to claim 1, characterized in that the tilt angle in said O plate retarder varies monotonously in a direction perpendicular to the plane of the film from a minimum value θ_{\min} at one surface of the film to a maximum value θ_{\max} at the opposite surface of the film.

6. (Amended) Optical compensator according to claim 4, characterized in that θ_{\max} is from 10 to 90°.